# **VERDUN DRIVE HELD UP AGAIN**

Germans Fall Back Under the French Fire.

### DOUAUMONT KEY POSITION

Attempt of Crown Prince's Army to Break Through the French Lines Are Futile and Accompanied by Heavy Losses.

Paris, March .- Another attempt by the crown prince's army to break through the French line Donaumont, north of Verdun, was made, but the line held and the Germans fell back to their own trenches under the fire of the French artillery.

A German force attacked in the woods just east of Vaceruville, a little to the west of the line against which the previous assault was directed, but with no more success.

In the contest for the possession of Verdun the operations have narrowed for the time being to the short sector about the plateau of Douaumont. The Germans concentrated their artillery fire on the restricted front between the Haudromont wood and Douaumont village. The bombardment was very violent. After great thrown the German infantry made its charge at 6 o'clock. The attacking waves at once were brought under the co-operated, and they were unable to reach the French trenches.

At the village of Douaumont itself, where the Germans hold the village proper and the French are entrenched in the southern outskirts, fighting of considerable liveliness lasted well into the night without changing the situa-

The German artillery continued its firing with some intensity throughout the night on the whole front east of the Meuse and west of the river at Le Mort Homme and Cote De L'Oie.

The bombardment has increased in violence along the whole of this front. especially on the sector which had been attacked. But the attack was said Loraine King, much too innonot repeated here. Instead the Germans shifted their assaulting columns to the west and sought to make an opening through the woods east of calmly. "I have a professional instruc-Vacherauville. Here again they were completely repulsed.

German troops being brought up to so" Louvemont, northwest of Douaumont. Dank."

No infantry action is reported from the Woevre, but the artillery of both sides was very active about Fresnes and east of Haudemont.

The French artillery conducted a heavy bombardment of the German positions near the Binarville road, north of La Harazee, and at the Haute Chavauchee, in the Argonne.

The London war office issued the following statement:

"In a Zeppelin raid two hostile airshins crossed the northeast coast. At present the movements of the raiders

are not clearly defined. Some bombs dropped fell into the sea near the shore. Information is not yet available as to the damage

FIVE MEN LOST WITH BARGES

done on land."

Five Others, Hauled Through Sea, Are Rescued Off Minot's Light.

Scituate, Mass., March -Two light coal barges, the Ashland and Kohinoor, which broke adrift from the tug Swatara, in tow for Philadelphia, were wrecked on Minot's light ledges. Pive men, the crew of the Kohinoor, were lost, and five men aboard the Ashland were washed ashore on the deckhouse and hauled through the break are to safety. The North Scituate coast guard

picked up the exhausted men from the Kohinoor, who died before the surf boat landed. The barges were owned by the Philadelphia & Reading Transportation company.

Now \$800 Worth Wiser.

Philadelphia, Pa., March -Detectives and the police of the Tenderloin are looking for a young man who obtained \$800 worth of jewelry from Mrs. Helen Eidell of Ogontz, Pa., by telling her that if allowed to wear the jewelry for two days he would show her how to become very wise. Mrs. Eidell told detectives that she is much wiser than before,

Dry Bill Passes Virginia House. Richmond, Va., Marct -The lower branch of the Virginia general assembly passed the state-wide prohibition bill, 85 to 5. The bill had passed the senate. One quart of whisky a month a person is the limit placed by the bill on importations of intoxicants from other states. The law will go into operation Nov. 1, 1916,

Colonel House Returns.

New York, March -Eluding interwiewers and camera men, a large number of whom were waiting to question him, Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's confidential adviser, was taken off the steamship Rotterdam, of the Holland America line at Quaran-



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CHAPTER III. Protecting the Blood.

THE game was promptly interrupted. It would not be far wrong to say that Mrs. King's pretty mouth was open not enas an aid to breathing. She couldn't believe her eyes as she slowly abandoned her court and came forward to meet their advancing visitor.

"Take my racket, dear," she said to one of the Feltons. It happened to be Fannie, and the poor child almost fainted with joy.

The prince remained in the far court. idly twirling his racket.

'Afternoon, King," said Mr. Blithers, doffing his panama-to fan a heated "Been watching the same from the road for a spell. Out for a stroll. Couldn't resist running in for a minquantities of heavy shells had been ute. You play a beautiful game, Mrs. King. How do you do? Pretty hot work, though, isn't it?"

He was shaking hands with King Barrage fire of the French guns, with and smiling genially upon the trim, which machine guns and rifle firing panting figure of the prince's adversary.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Blithers," said King, still staring. "You-you know my wife?"

Mr. Blithers ignored what might have been regarded as an introduction and blandly announced that tennis wasn't a game for fat people, patting his somewhat aggressive extension ha mock dolefulness as he spoke.

"You should see my daughter's play," he went on. "Got a medal at Lakewood last spring. I'll fix up a match soon, Mrs. King, between you and Maud. Ought to be worth going miles to see, eh, King?"

"Oh, I am afraid, Mr. Blithers, that I am not in your daughter's class," cently.

"We've got a pretty fair tennis court up at Blitherwood," said Mr. Blithers tor up every week to play with Maud. She can trim most of the amateurs,

the fighting front were brought under. "I beg your pardon, Mr. Blithers," the fire of the French artillery to the mumbled King. "Permit me to intronorth of Vacherauville, and near duce Count Quinnox and Lieutenant Both foreigners had arisen and were standing very erect and soldierly a few yards away. "You know Miss Felton, of course,"

> Mr. Blithers, advancing with outstretched hand. He shook the hand of the lieutenant with a shade less ener-He affected a most degage manner, squinting carelessly at the prince. "That young chap plays a nice game. Who is he?"

The two Graustarkians stiffened perceptibly and waited for King to make the revelation to his visitor.

"That's Prince Robin of"- he began. but Mr. Blithers cut him short with a

genial wave of the hand. "Of course," he exclaimed, as if an noyed by his own stupidity. "I did hear that you were entertaining a



"How long is the prince to you, Mrs. King?"

prince. Slipped my mind, however Well, well, we're coming up in the world, eh, having a real nabob among

"Won't you sit down, Mr. Blithers?" said Mrs. King. "Or would you prefer more comfortable chair on the porch?

"No, thanks, I'll stay here if you don't mind," said he hastily and dragged up the camp chair that Lieutenant

Dank had been occupying.

"Fetch another chair, Lucas," said King to the servant, "And another glass of lemonade for Miss Felton."

"Felton?" queried Mr. Blithers, sitting down very carefully on the rather fragile chair and hitching up his white fiannel trousers at the knees to reveal a pair of purple socks, somewhat elementary in tone.

"We know your daughter, Mr. Blithers," said little Miss Nellie eagerly. "I was just trying to remember"—
"We live across the road—over there

in the little white house with the ivy"-'-where I'd heard the name," proceeded Mr. Blithers, still looking at the prince. "By Jove, I should think my daughter and the prince would make a rattling good match. I mean," he added, with a boisterous laugh, "a good match at tenuis. We'll have to get 'em together some day, ch, up at Blitherwood. How long is the prince to be with you, Mrs. King?"

"It's rather uncertain, Mr. Blithers," said she and no more.

Mr. Blithers fanned himself in palience for a moment or two. Then he looked at his watch.

"Getting along toward dinner time up our way," he ventured. Everybody seemed rather intent on the game, which was extremely one sided.

"Good work!" shouted King as Fannie Feltou managed to return an easy service.

Lieutenant Dank applauded vigorously. "Splendid!" be cried out. "Capitally placed!"

"They speak remarkably good English, don't they?" said Mr. Blithers in an audible aside to Mrs. King. She smiled. "Officers in the Grau-

stark army are required to speak English, French and German, Mr. Blithers. "It's a good idea," said he. "Mand speaks French and Italian like a na-

tive. She was educated in Paris and Rome, you know. Fact is, she's lived abroad a great deal." "Is she at home now, Mr. Blithers?"

"Depends on what you'd call home Mrs. King. We've got so many I don't know just which is the real one. If you mean Blitherwood, yes, she's there. Course there's our town house in Madison avenue, the place at Newport, one at Nice and one at Pasadena. Cal., you know, and a little shack in "Delighted to meet you, count," said London. By the way, my wife says you live quite near our place in New York."

"We live in Madison avenue, but it's a rather long street, Mr. Blithers. Just where is your house?" she inquired rather spitefully.

He looked astonished. "You surely must know where the Blithers house

"Game!" shricked Fannie Felton. tossing her racket in the air, a victor.

"They're through," said Mr. Blithers in a tone of relief. He shifted his legs and put his hands on his knees, suggesting a readiness to arise on an instant's notice.

"Shall we try another set?" called out the prince.

"Make it doubles," put in Lieutenant Dank, and turned to Nellie. "Shall we take them on?"

And doubles it was, much to the dis gust of Mr. Blithers. He sat through the nine games, manifesting an interest he was far from feeling.

To his utter amazement at the conclusion of the game the four players made a dash for the house without even so much as a glance in his direction. It was the prince who shouted something that sounded like "now for a shower!" as he raced up the terrace followed by the other participants,

Mr. Blithers said something violent under his breath, but resolutely retained his sent. It was King who glanced shyly at his watch this time and subsequently shot a questioning look at his wife. She was frowning in considerable perplexity and biting her firm, red lips. Count Quinnox coolly arose and excused himself with the remark that he was off to dress for dinher. He also looked at his watch. which certainly was an act that one would hardly have expected of a diplo-

"Well, well," said Mr. Blithers profoundly. Then he looked at his own watch-and settled back in his chair, a somewhat dogged compression about his jaws. He was not the man to be thwarted. "You certainly have a cozy little place here, King," he remarked after a moment or two.

"We like it," said King, twiddling his fingers behind his back. "Humble, but homelike." "Mrs. Blithers has been planning to

come over for some time, Mrs. King. I told her she oughtn't to put it offbe neighborly, don't you know. That's me. I'm for being neighborly with my neighbors. But women, they-well, you know how it is, Mrs. King. Always something turning up to keep em from doing the things they want to do most. And Mrs. Blithers has so many sociable obli- I beg pardon?" "I was just wondering if you would

stay and have dinner with us, Mr. Blithers," said she, utterly helpless. She couldn't look her husband in the eye-and it was quite fortunate that she was unable to do so, for it would have resulted in a laughing duet that could never have been explained.

"Why," said Mr. Blithers, arising and looking at his watch again, "bless my soul, it is past dinner time, isn't it? I had no idea it was so late. 'Pon my soul, it's good of you, Mrs. King! You see, we have dinner at 7 up at Blitherwood, and-I declare, it's half past now! I don't see where the time has gone. Thanks! I will stay if you really mean to be kind to a poor old beggar. Don't do anything extra on my account, though-just your regular dinner, you know. No frills, if you He looked himself over in please." some uncertainty. "Will this rag of mine do?"

"Pray do not think of it!" she cried The men change, of course, after they've been playing tennis, but wewe-well, you see, you haven't been playing." she concluded quite breath-

At that instant the sprightly Feltons dashed pellmell down the steps and across the lawn homeward, shricking something unintelligible to Mrs. King as they passed.

"They are dears." said Mrs. King. "The-er-prince attracted by either one of 'em?" he queried.

"He barely knows them, Mr. Blith-

"I see. Shouldn't think they'd appeal to him. Rather light, I should say-I mean up here," and he tapped his forehead so that she wouldn't think that he referred to pounds and ounces. "I don't believe Maud knows 'em, as the little one said. Maud is rather"-

"It is possible they have mistaken some one else for your daughter," said she very gently. "Impossible?" said he, with force.

"They are coming back here for dinner," she said, and her eyes sparkled with mischief. "I shall put you between them, Mr. Blithers. You will find that they are very bright, attractive girls.'

"We'll see," said he succinctly. King caught them up at the top of the steps. He seemed to be slightly out of breath.

"Make yourself at home, Mr. Blithers. I must get into something be-sides these duds I'm wearing," he "Would you like to-er-wash said. up while we're"-

"No, thanks," interposed Mr. Blithers. "I'm as clean as a whistle. Don't mind me, please. Run along and dress, both of you. I'll sit out here and-count the minutes," the last with a very elaborate bow to Mrs. King.

"Dinner's at half past 8," said she and disappeared. Mr. Blithers recalled his last glance at his watch and calculated that he would have at least fifty minutes to count, provided dinner was served promptly on the dot. So he settled himself in the big porch chair and scowled more deeply than before.

Later on he met the prince. Very warmly he shook the tall young man's hand—he even gave it a prophetic second squeeze-and said:

"I am happy to welcome you to the Catskills, prince."

"Thank you," said Prince Robin. "A most extraordinary person," said Count Quinnox to King after Mr. Blithers had taken his departure, close upon the heels of the Feltons, who were being escorted home by the prince and Dank. The venerable Graustarkian's heroic face was a study. He had just concluded a confidential hour in a remote corner of the library with the millionaire while the younger people were engaged in a noisy though temperate encounter with the roulette wheel at the opposite end of the room. "I've never met any one like him, Mr. King." He mopped his brow and still looked a trifle dazed.

King laughed. "There isn't any one like him, count. He is the one and only Blithers."

"He is very rich?" "Millions and millions," said Mrs. King, "Didn't he tell you how many?" "I am not quite sure. This daugh-

ter of his-is she attractive?"

"Rather. Why?" predicament in relation to the Russian

most stupefying!" "Sounds ominous to me," said King dryly. "Is Bobby for sale?"

The count favored him with a look

No, he isn't for sale. He is a prince, not a pawn. Mr. Buthers may be willing to buy, but"- He proudly

"He was feeling you out, however," said King, ruminating. "Planting the seed, so to spenk."

The count seemed to be turning something over in his mind. "Your amazing Mr. Blithers further confided to me that he might be willing to take care of the Russian obligation for us if no one else turns up in time. As a matter of fact, without waiting for my reply, he said that he would have his lawyers look into the matter of security at once. Amazing, amazing!"

"Of course you told him it was not to be considered," said King sharply. "I endeavored to do so, but I fear he did not grasp what I was saying. Moreover, I tried to tell him that it was a matter I was not at liberty to

discuss. He didn't hear that, either." "He is not in the habit of hearing any one but bimself. I fear." said

"I am afraid poor Robin is in jeopardy," said his wife ruefully. "The bogy man is after him."

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## Vessels Captured In **Bold Cruise.**

Berlin (via Amsterdam), March -A storm of enthusiasm, such as has been equalled only in the case of the famous Emden, greeted an announcement of the admiralty that the Moewe. German raider, which, since the beginning of the year, has held mysterfous sway on the high seas, notably in mid-Atlantic, arrived "in a German

She brought with her, according to the announcement 1,000,000 marks in gold bars (\$250,000), and 402 prisoners taken from a total number of fifteen allied vessels, with the exception of one French and one Belgian, all British, aggregating a tonnage of nearly

Of these fifteen vessels, the majorty were sunk, the admiralty says, while a small part were sent as prizes to neutral ports.

The Moewe, according to the statement, not only wrought havoe on allied maritime commerce by sinking or capturing nearly everything that came into its path, but was also engaged in sowing mines along what is described as the enemy coast. It was one of the Moewe's mines, the admiralty avers, which caused the sinking on Jan. 9 last of the British dreadnought Edward VII, from which everyone of the 777 men aboard was saved by British rescue vessels.

The home port into which the German raider finally brought her prisoners and booty is not designated by the admiralty, nor is it believed that it will be made known.

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### WILL ATTEND CONVENTIONS

Large Delegations of Suffragettes Will Be at St. Louis and Chicago. Washington, March .- Delegations

of women that will far outnumber delegates of the two political parties will attend the Democratic and Republican conventions, according to a statement issued here.

The chief purpose behind the move is to secure in each platform of these two parties a plank favoring votes for women. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. president, is now in the field devoting her energies to plans for the selection of these delegates. State suffrage organizations representing congressional districts, counties, cities, precincts and every other political unit, are co-operating with the national association of women at every stage.

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Man and Dog Die Together.

Richmond, Ind., March .- The frozen body of Charles Macy, thirtyfive years old, a blind man living near "He informed me that her dot would Hagerstown, Ind., who disappeared be twenty millions if she married the from his home several days ago durright man. Moreover, she is his only ing a heavy snowstorm, has been heir. 'Pon my soul. Mrs. King, he found in a woods only a short distance quite took my breath away when he from his residence. Lying across his announced that he knew all about our master was the frozen body of a Collie dog. Tracks about the man's body loan. It really sounded quite-you indicated that the dog had fought off might say significant. Does-does he hogs and had attempted to drag his imagine that-good heaven, it is aldead master out of the woods

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Boy Shoots Companion.

Marion, Ind., March -Rollo Gray, nine, was shot in the breast and dangerously wounded by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of William Cunningham, sixteen, while the two were together near the Gray home. Fearing the boy would die, Cunningham went home, left a farewell note for his father and dis-

G. A. R. Encampment at Kansas City. Kansas City, Mo., March -The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Kansas City from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, it was announced. The dates were decided upon at a meeting of the G. A. R. national officers. Twenty-five thou-sand veterans are expected to attend.

appeared.

